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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An extended range less-lethal projectile ~~munition~~ comprising:

a non-penetrating kinetic energy projectile having a generally cylindrical body including a forward end and rearward end;

said forward end including a protruding convex member extending therefrom, such that the center of mass of said projectile is closer to said forward end than to said rearward end, thereby increasing the weight of said body ~~and~~ at said forward end, and further including a hollow cylindrical bore extending from said rearward end wherein said cylindrical body is solid from said cylindrical bore to said forward end; and

said body being formed of a homogeneous non-metallic material having a durometer hardness less than metallic rounds.

2. (Cancelled) An extended range less-lethal projectile ~~munition~~ of claim 1 wherein said body includes a hollow cylindrical bore extending from said rearward end.

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3. (Currently Amended) An extended range less-lethal projectile ~~munition~~ of claim 1 wherein said protruding member is dome shaped.
4. (Currently Amended) An extended range less-lethal projectile ~~munition~~ of claim 3 wherein said dome shaped protruding member is surrounded by a rim.
5. (Currently Amended) An extended range less-lethal projectile ~~munition~~ of claim 1 wherein said body is manufactured of material molded from the group consisting of rubber, foam and plastic.
6. (Currently Amended) An extended range less-lethal projectile ~~ammunition round~~ of claim 1 wherein said non-metallic material has a durometer hardness of between about 20 and 90.
7. (Currently Amended) A less-lethal shot gun round comprising:
 - a generally elongate tubular hull having a forward end and an opposed rearward end;
 - a base enclosing said rearward end of said hull;
 - a propellant contained within said base;
 - a wad sealably positioned in said hull adjacent said rearward end; and
 - a non-penetrating kinetic energy projectile slug carried in said hull, said slug being a generally cylindrical member having an outer cylindrical wall, said ~~slug~~ projectile having a

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rearward end with a hollow cylindrical bore extending from said rearward end and further including a convex solid head from said cylindrical bore to said forward end of said cylindrical member such that the center of mass of said projectile is closer to said forward end than to said rearward end, thereby increasing the weight of said ~~slug~~ projectile at said forward end; said ~~slug~~ projectile being formed of a homogeneous non-metallic material having a durometer hardness less than conventional shot gun ~~slug~~ projectile materials.

8. (Cancelled) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7 wherein said slug includes a hollow cylindrical bore extending from said head.

9. (Original) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7 wherein said outer cylindrical wall is dimpled.

10. (Cancelled) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7 further including a sabot positioned between said wad and said slug.

11. (Currently Amended) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7 wherein said ~~slug~~ projectile is manufactured of material molded from the group consisting of rubber, foam and plastic.

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12. (Original) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7 wherein said non-metallic material has a durometer hardness of between about 20 and 90.

13. (New) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7 wherein said non-metallic material has a mass that is less than conventional shot gun projectile materials.

14. (New) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7 wherein said non-metallic material has a density that is less than conventional shot gun projectile materials.